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Memorandum of Ex Parte Communication

Ms. Magalie Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S. W.
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Salas:

Re: CC Docket No. 98-141

On July 29, 1999, SBC provided the attached material regarding Lifeline service in the Southwestern Bell Telephone, Pacific Bell, Nevada Bell and Southern New England Telephone service areas to Mr. Mark Nadel in response to his request. Please stamp and return the provided copy to confirm your receipt. Please contact me at (202) 326-8889 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Attachment

Cc: M. Nadel (w/o attachment)

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LIFELINE PLANS – SBC

STATE

ARKANSAS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

May qualify by satisfying:

1.
 - eligible for Food Stamps
 - eligible for Medicaid, including Supplemental Security Income
 - eligible for AFDC...or

2. Annual household income at or below 100% of Federal Poverty level for a household of 4

LIFELINE PLANS – SBC

STATE

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

CALIFORNIA

- Household income by size of household; updated every May; capped at 150% of federal poverty level.

LIFELINE PLANS - SBC**STATE****ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA****CONNECTICUT**

Eligible for receiving low income or energy assistance under program administered by Connecticut Dept. of Income Maint. And HR:

- Aid to Families with Dependent Children
- Title 19-Medicaid
- State Supplement to the Aged, Blind or Disabled
- Food Stamp Program
- Energy Assistance Program
- Connecticut Energy Assistance Program
- State Appropriated Dual Assistance Program
- Child Care Certification
- Transition Child Care
- Personal Care Assistance Program
- Rental Assistance Program
- Section 8 Housing
- ConnPACE
- Supplemental Security Income
- Refugee Program
- State Administered General Assistance Program

LIFELINE PLANS – SBC

STATE

KANSAS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Proof of participation in:

- Temporary Assistance to Families
- Food Stamps
- General Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income
- Food Distribution Program
- Medicaid

LIFELINE PLANS - SBC

STATE

MISSOURI

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Proof of participation in:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Sec. 8)
- Low Income Energy Assistance
- Income qualified as found in Missouri
State Statute 660.105

LIFELINE PLANS – SBC

STATE

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

NEVADA

- automatic eligibility if in Nevada Dept. of Human Resources data banks (income of 150% of federal poverty rates)

LIFELINE PLANS – SBC

STATE

OKLAHOMA

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

eligible for:

- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- Food Stamps
- Medical Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income
- Vocational Rehabilitation Program
- Certified by Oklahoma Tax Commission

LIFELINE PLANS - SBC**STATE****TEXAS****ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

provided:

1. household income at or below poverty level
(as determined by U.S. O.M.B.)

Or

2. participate in:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income
- Food Stamps
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance

LIFELINE PLANS – SBC**CONDITIONS****Certification:****Arkansas**

- 1.) program participation certified by Arkansas Department of Human Services
- 2.) income eligibility proven by customer providing photocopy of W-2, 3 paycheck stubs, or letter from employer

California

self-certification via signed form

Connecticut

certified card or letter from agency and application form showing that customer meets state established income test and not a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes, unless over the age of 60

Kansas

verification of customer's participation in a qualifying program

Missouri

signed document proving certification by Dept. of Social Services

Nevada

automatic by inclusion in Nevada Dept. of Human Resources data banks

Oklahoma

proof of participation in a qualifying program and not a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes, unless over the age of 60

Texas

income certified by a copy of most recent U.S. tax return or documentation (e.g. valid ID card) verifying participation in a qualifying program

LIFELINE PLANS - SBC

CONDITIONS

Other:	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Recertify</u>	<u>Optional Services</u>
Arkansas	None, with Toll Restriction	Annually	All *
California	None, with Toll Restriction	Annually	All
Connecticut	<i>INFO not yet available</i>	Periodic verification	<i>INFO not yet available</i>
Kansas	Normal standards	Annually	All
Missouri	None, with Toll Blocking	Annually	All
Nevada	None	When qualifying criteria changes	All
Oklahoma	None, with Toll Blocking	Annually	All
Texas	Normal standards	Annually	All

"All" means that vertical features can be taken at std. tariff rates without affecting lifeline eligibility.

LIFELINE COMPARISON SBC

The rate comparisons are for single line, residence flat-rate Lifeline service, except for Arkansas which only has a mandatory measured service available to Lifeline customers. The urban and rural prices are calculated from the lowest and highest rate groups. The rates are exclusive of other charges, such as surcharges, taxes, etc., since these are likely to vary considerably.

Here follows the analysis:

STATE	PRESENT DISCOUNT	LIFELINE RATES		STANDARD RATES	
		URBAN	RURAL	URBAN	RURAL
Arkansas	\$10.95 - \$13.80	\$ 6.01	\$ 4.66	\$19.81	\$15.61
California	\$ 9.13 - \$12.28	\$ 5.62	\$ 5.62	\$17.90	\$14.75
Connecticut	\$ 7.00	\$11.03	\$ 7.03	\$18.03	\$14.03
Kansas	\$10.50	\$ 6.00	\$ 1.95	\$16.50	\$12.45
Missouri	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.05	\$16.00	\$11.05
Nevada	\$ 8.55	\$ 5.70	\$ 5.70	\$14.25	\$14.25
Oklahoma	\$ 7.00	\$10.22	\$ 6.72	\$17.22	\$13.72
Texas	\$10.50	\$ 4.05	\$ 2.50*	\$14.55	\$11.65
OHIO	\$10.20	\$ 7.70	\$ 7.70	\$17.90	\$17.90

It should be noted that all of the SBC states, except Kansas, have measured service options, which may be less expensive for Lifeline customers. Ohio has several measured service options.

*Minimum rate for Lifeline.

LIFELINE PLANS - SBC**

STATE	SUBSCRIBERS	DISCOUNTS <i>(Per mo)</i>	
		CURRENT	OHIO PLAN (\$10.20)
Ark	8,867	\$97,094	\$90,443
Cal	3,105,000	28,348,650	31,671,000
Conn	59,547	416,829	607,379
Kan	4,258	44,709	43,432
Mo	7,885	55,195	80,427
Nev	9,434	80,661	96,227
Okla	521	3,647	5,314
Tex	210,686	2,212,203	2,148,997

****Worst case comparison assuming that all present Lifeline subscribers receive the minimum, present discount and that all convert to a \$10.20 discount, allowed as a maximum under the merger agreement.**